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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 2506

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, INS, JO  
SUBJ: ARREST OF JAD MIKHAIL BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF RUTH  
CARTER STAPLETON

REF: JERUSALEM 2415

1. DURING MEETING SEPT 8 IN JERUSALEM BETWEEN MS STAPLETON  
AND LOCAL CHRISTIAN LEADERS WHICH WAS ARRANGED BY HER TOUR  
ORGANIZERS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT PALESTINIAN ARAB CHRISTIAN  
CHURCHMEN INFORMED HER OF RECENT ARREST OF JAD MIKHAIL,  
RAMALLAH PHARMACIST AND LOCAL COUNCILMAN. THRUST OF PRESENT-  
ATION WAS TO BRING THIS MATTER TO MS STAPLETON'S ATTENTION  
FOR HER INFORMATION.

2. ONE OF MEMBERS OF MS STAPLETON'S PARTY (DR. MCBIRNIE)  
TOLD US OF THIS INCIDENT AS PARTY DEPARTING FOR AMMAN SEPT 11.  
HE INDICATED THAT WHILE MS STAPLETON HAD LISTENED WITH CONCERN,  
SHE FELT THERE WAS LITTLE SHE COULD DO DIRECTLY ON MIKHAIL'S  
BEHALF UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. WE INFORMED MCBIRNIE THAT CHARGES AGAINST MIKHAIL HAVE  
NOT BEEN FINALIZED AS FAR AS WE KNEW BUT THAT HIS LAWYER,  
AZIZ SHIHADDEH, WAS TO SEE MIKHAIL FOR FIRST TIME SEPT 11 AND  
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WE SHOULD LEARN MORE AFTER THAT.

4. CONSUL GENERAL PASSED ON TO MCBIRNIE PERSONAL LETTER TO  
MS STAPLETON FROM MIKHAIL'S WIFE, AMCIT CYNTHIA MIKHAIL,  
CONTENTS OF WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE. WE ASSURED HIM THAT CONSULATE  
GENERAL WOULD DO EVERYTHING APPROPRIATE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO  
MRS MIKHAIL'S CONCERN.

5. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED CALL FROM MRS MIKHAIL SEPT 11 NOON  
INFORMING US THAT LAWYER WAS TOLD BY ACTING RAMALLAH DISTRICT  
MILGOV THATHE COULD NOT SEE JAD MIKHAIL SEPT 11  
AS INVESTIGATION HAD NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED.  
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